மாகத் தெரிந்தால், அவர்கள் எல்லோரையும் ஒழித்துவிட்டு பூரா வியாபாரத்தையும் கோவாபரேடிவ் சொஸைட்டிகளிடம் ஒப்படைக்க யோசனை செய்வார்களா ? ''

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—'' There are not sufficient number of co-operative societies coming forward to take this up. Preference is given to the co-operative societies always.''

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—'' Sir, which rice is cheaper, the rice sold in the fair price shops or in the open market? ''

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—'' It goes on varying. Sometimes one is cheaper and at other times the open market rice is cheaper.''

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—'' Sir, in answer to sub-clause (*a*) of the main question, the Hon. Minister said that free market rice was also allowed to be sold by co-operative societies. Is this concession applicable to producer-*cum*-consumer co-operative societies in Malabar also? ''

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—'' Sir, Malabar is a peculiar land and I would like to have notice to answer that question.''

Ban on the drama '' Ayulthandanai ''.

* 146 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM (on behalf of Sri A. Govindaswamy Nayagar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have banned the drama '' Ayulthandanai (Life sentence) '' written by M. R. Radha; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—'' (*a*) Yes, Sir.

'' (*b*) There is a prosecution pending and the matter is therefore *sub judice*.''

(The hon. Member Sri A. Ratnam stood up in his seat.)

MR. SPEAKER :—'' When the matter is *sub judice*, the hon. Member should not put supplementary questions.''

Disbursement of bonus to N.G.Os. not connected with the N.G.O.s' strike.

* 147 *Q.*—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the bonus granted to Non-Gazetted Officers was disbursed to those who did not participate in the Non-Gazetted Officers' strike that took place in the year 1947;

(*b*) if so, the number of Non-Gazetted Officers who were granted this bonus and the number to whom it was actually paid;